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SUBJ: RESUMED TENTH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

BOARD-CONSULTATIONS (ITEMS 6 AND 7)

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1. DEPTS ATTENTION IS CALLED TO INFORMATION NOTE BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ID/B/162/ADD. 1) ON THE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY ISSUED FOR RESUMED IDB-X (AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 7). COPIES AIR POUCHED IO/CMD.

2. NOTE IS BRIEF RESUME OF ACTION TAKEN BY SECRETARIAT SINCE APRIL IN LIGHT OF GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AT IDB-X (ID/B/171, PARAS 58-61). NOTE ADVISES THAT CONSULTATIONS BEING ORGANIZED FOR IRON AND STEEL DEC 7-11, 1976 AND FERTILIZERS JAN 17-21, 1977 IN VIENNA. EACH CONSULTATION WILL BE PRECEDED BY A PREPARATORY PANEL MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ASSIST THE SECRETARIAT IN PREPARING AN AGENDA THAT WILL DEFINE THE PRIORITY ISSUES FOR THE CONSULTATIONS. PREP MEETING FOR IRON AND STEEL SCHEDULED FOR OCT 11-15, 1976 AND FERTILIZERS FOR NOV 8-12, 1976. (WE ARE TOLD THAT CURRENT SECRETARIAT THINKING IS TO SUGGEST TWO OR UNCLASSIFIED

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THREE NAMES OF SECTORAL EXPERTS KNOWN TO SECRETARIAT TO

SELECTED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THROUGH PERMANENT MISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO HAVING THESE GOVERNMENTS SELECT THE EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATORY MEETINGS. EXPERTS WOULD, HOWEVER, NOT SPEAK AS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES).

3. PARA 7 OF NOTE STATES THAT GOVTS WILL BE INVITED TO INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS FROM INDUSTRY AND LABOR IN THEIR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO THE CONSULTATION MEETINGS. AS APPROPRIATE, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING INDUSTRY AND LABOR WILL ALSO BE INVITED. THE PRECISE MEANING OF THE FIRST SENTENCE IS UNCLEAR. WE ARE TOLD (FOR EXAMPLE, BY BECKER-BOOST WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SECRETARIAT TASK FORCE PREPARING THE FERTILIZER CONSULTATIONS) THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER "NATIONAL DELEGATIONS" SHOULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN "GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATIONS" WITH ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS REGARDED AS SPEAKING FOR THE GOVT CONCERNED, OR WHETHER GOVERNMENTAL, INDUSTRY AND LABOR REPS MAKING UP "NATIONAL DELEGATIONS" WILL EACH BE ENTITLED TO EXPRESS VIEWS INDEPENDENTLY. WE HAVE INFORMALLY TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE LATTER ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS EXPOUNDED BY THE USDEL ON THIS QUESTION AT IDB-X. THIS QUESTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AT RESUMED IDB-X. REFERENCE TO INTL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING INDUSTRY AND LABOR IS TO INTERNATIONAL NGO'S SUCH AS ICC AND ICFTU.

4. AS REGARDS OTHER ASPECTS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE, WE ASSUME USDEL TO RESUMED IDB-X CAN TAKE NOTE OF THE PROGRESS REPORT AND INDICATE USG'S READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNED CONSULTATION MEETINGS ON BASIS OUTLINED PARA 5 REF A. WE FURTHER ASSUME THAT GENERAL THRUST OF US POSITION ON THIS ITEM WOULD BE THAT SUGGESTED PARA 3 REF B. STIBRAVY

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